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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ZAPU BUILDS ITS ARMED FORCES

1. IT IS THE EMBASSY'S IMPRESSION THAT JOSHUA NKOMO'S
CURRENT VISIT TO MOSCOW IS RELATED TO WEAPONS DELIVERY
REQUIRED BY A MAJOR EXPANSION OF ZAPU'S ARMED FORCES.
HIS PRIMARY CONCERN IS TO SEE THAT MILITARY EQUIPMENT
IS DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO ZAPU, PERHAPS THROUGH ANGOLA.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT ZAPU HAS ASKED THE UN HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES FOR SUPPORT FOR AS MANY
AS 5000 PERSONS AND WE ASSUME THAT MOST OF THESE
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ARE MILITARY PERSONNEL RATHER THAN CIVILIAN DEPENDENTS.
SOME ARE IN CAMPS IN ZAMBIA. HOWEVER, WE ARE TOLD
ZAPU PLANS TO DO A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ITS TRAINING IN
ANGOLA AT A CAMP NEAR MOCAMEDES. AN ADVANTAGE OF
USING THE MOCAMEDES CAMP IS THAT SOVIET MILITARY
EQUIPMENT CAN BE DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO ZAPU THERE
AND WOULD NOT HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE OAU WHERE IT WOULD

RUN THE RISK OF BEING CHanneled TO ZANU. ALSO SOVIET AND CUBAN INSTRUCTORS COULD BE USED FOR TRAINING WITHOUT IT BECOMING KNOWN. ZAMBIA WOULD FURTHERMORE BE SPARED THE EMBARRASSMENT OF THESE KINDS OF ACTIVITIES OCCURRING WITHIN ITS BORDERS. WHENEVER THE TRAINING WAS COMPLETED THE FORCES COULD BE RETURNED TO ZAMBIA.

3. OUR IMPRESSION OF NKOMO'S STRATEGY IS THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BUILD UP A FIGHTING FORCE OF EQUAL STRENGTH AND EQUIPMENT TO THAT OF ZANU. WHILE THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF TALK OF ESCALATING THE ARMED STRUGGLE AGAINST RHODESIA, THE ACTIVE PHASE OF THAT STRUGGLE, AS FAR AS ZAPU IS CONCERNED, IS STILL WELL IN THE FUTURE. ZAPU CAMPS HAVE BEEN DRAWN WELL BACK FROM THE BORDER AND THERE IS NO TALK OF IMMINENT INCURSIONS BY SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY FORCES. THE RAINY SEASON IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE AND TRAINING IS REALLY JUST GETTING UNDERWAY. NKOMO APPARENTLY INTENDS TO BUILD A STRONG, WELL TRAINED FORCE FOR USE EVENTUALLY AGAINST THE RHODESIANS IF NECESSARY. HOWEVER, WE SUSPECT IN THE BACK OF HIS MIND HE SEES THEM PRIMARILY AS A SUPPORT FOR HIS POLITICAL AMBITIONS IN RHODESIA ONCE AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORMED. LOW

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